

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A water ride attraction for supporting a rider performing water skimming maneuvers, comprising:

an inclined riding surface adapted to receive and support the rider thereon, the riding surface having a lateral edge;

a water supply mechanism for providing a substantially supercritical high speed sheet flow of water which flows generally upward upon the inclined riding surface so that the flow generally conforms thereto, and a portion of the flow of water spills over the lateral edge;

wherein the riding surface is shaped so as to form at least a portion of the high speed sheet flow of water into a wave shape.

2. The water ride attraction of Claim 1, wherein the high speed sheet flow of water has a Froude number between about 4-25.

3. The water ride attraction of Claim 1, wherein the riding surface is configured so that the rider can ride the flow of water spilling over the lateral edge.

4. The water ride attraction of Claim 3 additionally comprising an exit area adjacent the lateral edge.

5. The water ride attraction of Claim 4, wherein the exit area comprises a pool.